

# SADC SGA HUB

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# Background

- The establishment of IPBES and the relevance of its Functions, Work Programme and Operating Principles to the SADC region
- The overall objective of the SADC SGA Hub is to help the SADC region fulfil its role in IPBES and grow regional capacity to conduct ecosystem assessments
- The SADC SGA Hub is a product of long term participation in the activities of the SGA Network by SADC scientists

# Global context



Programme on  
Ecosystem Change and Society



Southern African Program on Ecosystem Change and Society

**Table 1: Ten Global Risks of Highest Concern in 2014**

No.	Global Risk
1	Fiscal crises in key economies
2	Structurally high unemployment/underemployment
3	Water crises
4	Severe income disparity
5	Failure of climate change mitigation and adaptation
6	Greater incidence of extreme weather events (e.g. floods, storms, fires)
7	Global governance failure
8	Food crises
9	Failure of a major financial mechanism/institution
10	Profound political and social instability

Source: Global Risks Perception Survey 2013-2014.

# Capacity Building for Undertaking Ecosystem Assessments

A Regional Workshop for the SADC Member States

3 – 6 February 2014  
Pretoria, South Africa

# Activities

**Capacity building and networking**

**Develop e-resources for information sharing**

**Facilitate researcher exchanges**

**Link hub with SGA Network**

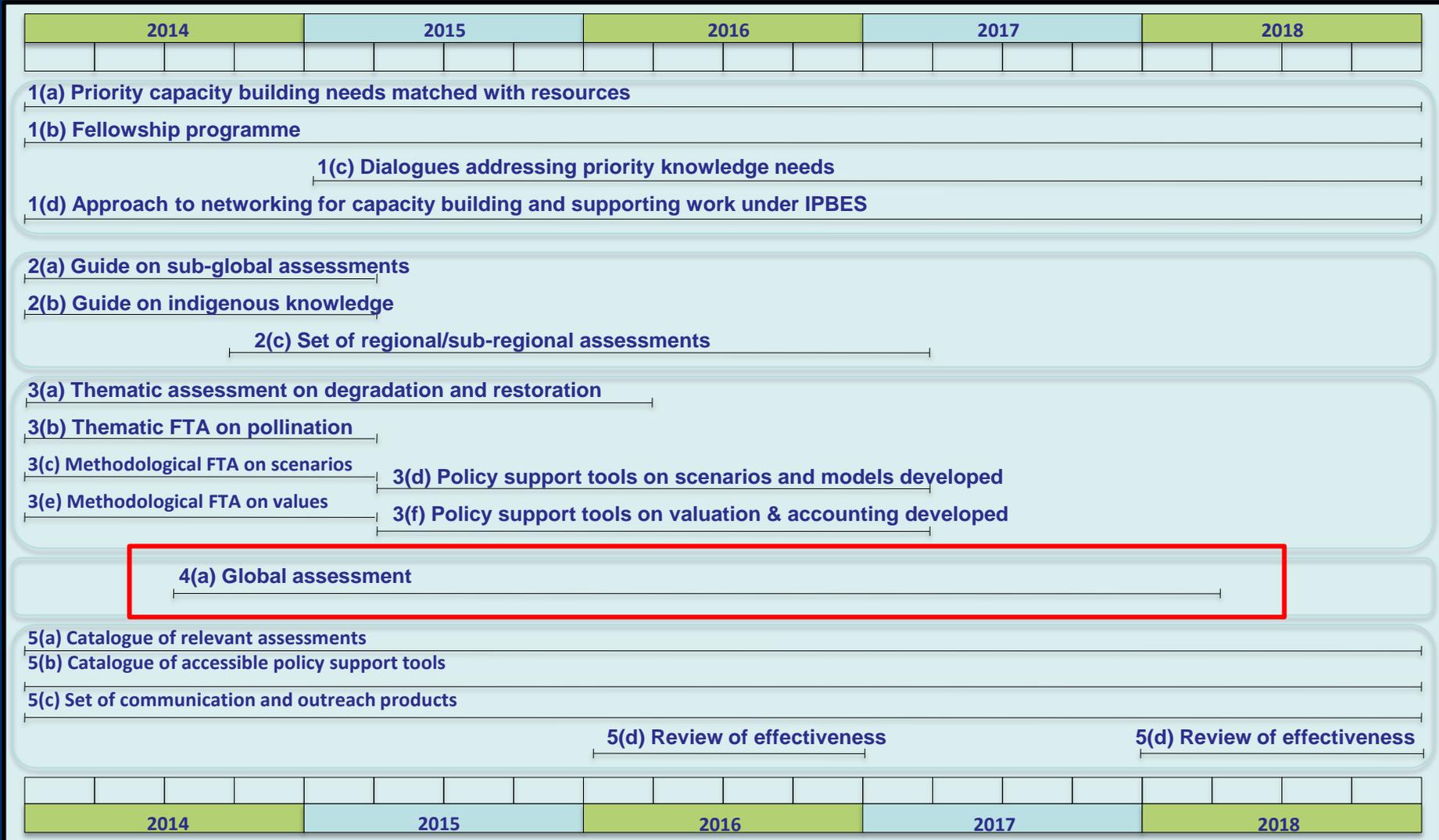
**Support regional IPBES activities**

## Goal of IPBES

*“To strengthen the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, long-term human well-being and sustainable development”*

*Panama, April 2012*

# Timelines of IPBES Work Programme 2014-2018



# Opportunities to contribute to various IPBES processes

**Plenary** – Decision making body of the Platform

- *Government Members (currently 111) and observers*

**Bureau** – Overseeing administrative functions

- *10 members (2 from each UN region including Chair and 4 Vice-Chairs)*

**Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP)** – overseeing scientific and technical functions

- *25 members ( 5 from each UN region, including 2 Co-Chairs and 3 Vice-Chairs) and a number of observers (Bureau, Chairs of MEA scientific bodies, Chair of IPCC)*

**Science Committees, Working Groups and Task Forces**

# Broadening participation in IPBES Annual Plenaries



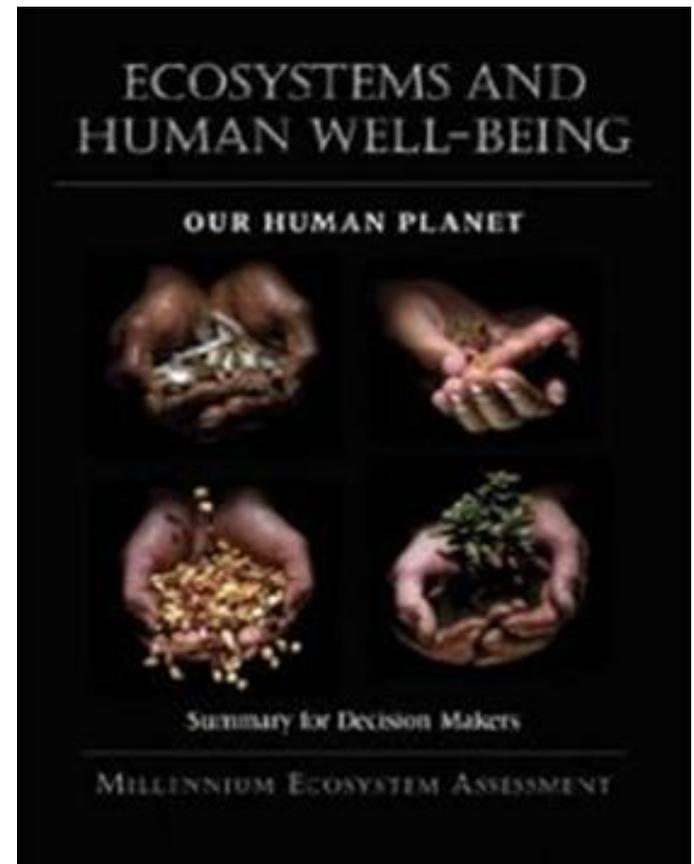
**Bonn, Germany  
January 2012**

**Antalya, Turkey  
December 2013**

**Bonn, Germany  
January 2015**

# Other matters for consideration

- Participation from researchers, practitioners and decision makers
- African SGA Hub?



# Thank you

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